necessary emergency arrangements to evacuate Indian nationals from Iraq and its neighbouring countries in case of US-Iraq war; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA): (a) Yes.

(b) The Indian community in Iraq at present comprises some 50 persons. They have been advised to keep their travel documents ready for exit through Jordan, Syria or Iran at short notice. While a possible US-Iraq war is unlikely to affect the large India's communities in the neighbouring countries of Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, contingency plans have been made to evacuate India's nationals as necesary.

Global panel of terrorism hit countries

254. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:
DR. ARBRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has recently proposed setting up of a global panel of countries most affected by terrorism for sharing and devising methods to tackle the menace at a meeting of Interpol officials from various countries based in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) A suggestion in this regard was mooted in a meeting of the Interpol at the working level. However, no definitive proposal has been made by the Government in this regard.

Foreign students registration system in U.S.A.

255. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian students, who wish to go to U.S.A. after January 30, 2003, have to go through the new Foreign Students Registration System;